



# The Carolina DX Association

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## NEXT MEETING

The CN8CX group is going to entertain us with a slide show and a complete description of all activities from their operation in Morocco. The meeting will be held at the Branding Iron in Rock Hill on May 14th at 7:00. The cost will be \$11 per person for steak with salad bar, non-alcoholic beverage tax and tip. Due to the number of people it will not be possible to order from the menu. Please RSVP to either Gary K4MQG or Ted WA4VCC by May 11. The Branding Iron is located one mile north of I77 on Cherry Rd. Paul Wade CN8CX will be joining us and we are all looking forward to a great time.

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## PRODUCT REVIEW

With the rapid flow of new solidstate transceivers from "across the pond" it has become quite difficult to keep up with all the models. They all have a lot of "bells and whistles", but how do they perform for DXers? With input from our knowledgeable membership we hope to pass along information regarding different rigs and how they stack-up against other radios being used for the same purpose.

For our first review we chose an add-on product that Ted WA4VCC and yours truly believe is the greatest item to come along in quite some time. Due to a lack of "punch" in the processor of the ICOM 730, 740 and Kenwood 430S, compared to the Kenwood 830S and 930S, a remedy was sought. A couple of modifications for this problem are available, however, the audio still suffers. Then we came across Bob Heil of Heil, Ltd. He has developed a microphone element and microphone equalizer. The bottom line on these products is that

used together properly they will eliminate the need for a processor. Not only will you get through to the DX station, they will be better able to understand your call. We know they work great with Kenwood and ICOM products and we also know that they will not work with some rigs. Before you buy these items check with someone who has tried them with the same rig you will be using. We can give on the air demonstrations should anyone be interested.

Let's hear some comments from you folks. Next month we will compare the ICOM 730 with the Kenwood 430S.

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## 20 METER PHONE EXPANSION

On March 31st the FCC voted to expand the Phone portion of 20 meters. The effective date and time is May 22nd at 0001Z. If you do not have your Extra Class License this should give you the necessary incentive. Extras will get 14.150 to 14.175, Extra/Advanced will have 14.175 to 14.225 and Extra/Advanced/General will go from 14.225 to 14.350.

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## MISC.

Enclosed with this bulletin is a listing of all members. Please check your name, address and telephone number to be sure that everything is correct. Also, check the mailing label for any errors. If anything needs to be changed please advise Gary Dixon, K4MQG. A big thanks to Bill Taylor, KD4IL for all the work in getting the information in his computer and also for preparing the mailing labels.

The CN8CX group got a very nice picture in the 4/18 issue of QRZ DX. CDXA was also mentioned. KU4V ordered 500 copies for friends and relatives.

### DX NEWS

The latest confirmed news on the Spratly operation is that the crew was picked up about 2100Z 4/19 by a passing ship. One operator had died from the gun fire and another died in the raft.

TT8AD has been heard on CW from 1200 to 2100 on 10, 15 & 20. UK2FAA --14.205 to 210, 3B8CF--3.505 @ 0200, J6L--4/24 to 5/14, 3D6AJ--21.275 @ 1730, VR6KY--21.306 @ 2000. VKØJS cards have been rec'd by some of our members. Cards have been printed for the VKØCW operation and should be out soon.

### QSL INFO

CEØZAD via WB6WOD, 4K1F via UQ2GDW, VR6KY via NE5C, ZD7WT via ZD8TM, TT8AD via HB9CLA FB8WI via F6GXB, VP5WJR via KA5BPE, HZ1AB via K8PYD, S79MC via CBA. That is about it for this month as new DX is slowing down.

Some very interesting thoughts were discussed last Wed. night regarding how to get QSL cards. One good idea is to send a picture of your station along with the card. If the card goes to a manager send along a few extra stamps and a note of appreciation. Always ask the station if they want IRC's or \$\$\$.

### INTERNATIONAL DX ASSOCIATION

One of our members, Murf W4MMQ, asked that we publish some info regarding the above association. CDXA cannot promote or suggest that its members join this or any other organization. We are simply passing along information that may be of interest to our members. According to Murf the purpose of the association is as follows: Dedicated to promoting international goodwill by amateur radio; Support the FCC and ARRL; Promote operation on all bands and all modes; Show no preference to any operator regardless of class of license; Handle QSL's for DX stations; Weekly HF DX info news; No activities as "policemen"; Provide equipment to DX stations; Will take donations of funds or equipment; Arrange scheduled times for DX stations; Promote list and split operation. Dues are \$10.00 per year and should be sent with your QSL card to: Murphy Ratterree, 264 Mayland Dr. Rock Hill, S.C. 29730. Call Murf on the 147.18 repeater for additional information.

You will be interested to know that our own club has grown to 92 paid members! We need only eight more to hit our goal of 100.

Regarding our Product Review on the other side you should know that the May issue of CQ magazine has a complete review.



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